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SNAP and TANF Recipients May See Change in Benefit Amounts

The amount of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits Virginia recipients receive each month may change beginning January 2012.

This potential change is due to the 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks, as well as a change in the Medicare premium. The COLA will automatically take effect on January 1, 2012.

For SNAP and TANF recipients, the COLA adjustment may have no impact on benefits; in other cases, benefits may be reduced.

If SSI or SSA recipients who currently receive SNAP or TANF benefits have any questions they should contact their case worker at their [local department of social services](#) or call 1-800-552-3431.

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